

Jean Montgomery

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It is with so much love tinged with sadness that our strong and remarkable mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away at the age of 96 years young.



Jean was predeceased by her loving husband, Jack Verge Montgomery, in 2007. She leaves behind and will be lovingly remembered by her three daughters: Gail (Mike), Lynn (Dan), Joy (Mike); her two devoted sons Grant and Glen; Grandchildren Doran and Susan, Everett (Stephanie), Warren (Maria), Ashleen (Lance) and Rhiannon (James); Great grandchildren Eric, Jack, Mikko, Sadie and Lili; Nieces Dana and Doreen, Louise (Tom) - their children and grandchildren; and a great tribe of US nieces, nephews and their families with whom Jean spent many fun-filled Thanksgivings, parties and reunions and always enjoyed these occasions.

The youngest of five children, Jean Winifred Glaister was born in 1923 on a farm in Landis, Saskatchewan, to hardworking parents. When first born, she was not expected to live. She sure proved the doctor wrong! After attending business school in Saskatoon, during the war she worked in Washington, DC, for the British Scientific Mission, Rockets Division. After the war ended, Jean moved to Vancouver where she met Jack and then spent many happy years and two stints in Kemano, BC; three years in New Zealand. In 1985, they farewelled Kemano and retired to Gibsons, Sechelt Peninsula, before eventually moving to the Fraser Valley where they enjoyed being much closer to family and friends for lots of great visits. Jean happily resided at Langley Gardens since 2012.

Jean loved to laugh and to dance and always had a sparkling wit and a wicked sense of humour and common sense. She always said she'd had a good life and her greatest joy was her family; she was kind and fair. She would not want us to be sad about her passing but just remember all the love and laughs we shared.

A thousand words won't bring you back,

We know because we have tried;

Neither will a thousand tears,

We know because we have cried.

A massive celebration of life party will be held at a later date to be advised.

Online donations may be made to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, JeanUp to get ill children out of their hospital gowns and back into their jeans. Go to JeanUp.ca and be sure to tick the box to dedicate your gift in memory of Jean Montgomery. And be sure to wear denim every May!

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

Hey Joy, We were so sad to hear about the sudden passing of your Mum. It must be very hard to go through all this with your family on the other side of the world. I hope you can all catch up next year. In the meantime I will try to make you some sort of weird Canadian biscuits or food in memory of your Mum :-). Bacon and maple syrup, really, who does that... Much Love Lucy and Wal

— Lucy trippett

My sincere condolences to the Montgomery family. Jean was a friend like no other, together we spent many years of friendship fun and laughter .She will be dearly missed. With love Lisa and the Wagner family

— **Elisa Wagner**

Joy. I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Please know we have you in our thoughts at this time. I know how much love you had for your mom and all the great memories you have. Take comfort in knowing she will be forever in your heart. Sending you hugs and love

Heather, Dan & Marlyn.

— **Heather Pittet**

Lovely words about your mom Joy. I wish I could have met her - you always said she was an amazing woman. Our condolences to all the Montgomery family.

Thinking of you at this sad time ☐

— **Tracy & Frank**

So very sorry for your loss, I never got to meet Jean, but as you are part of her, and such a wonderful person, she must have been amazing!! My deepest condolences to you and your family, with love and hugs

— **Cheryl Chase**

My sincere condolences to the Montgomery Family for the passing of Jean, a beautiful, caring and wonderful person.

I met Jack and Jean in Kemano during my brief stay in Kemano from 1977 to 1979.

Jack and Jean warmly welcomed me, a 23 year old Chinese kid from Vancouver.

The memories of hanging around with the Montgomery's always brings a smile to

my face. The fishing trips, crabbing sessions and dinners are all fond memories

that I have of Jean and Jack. Jean and I visited them when they lived on the

Sunshine Coast. We even attended their wedding anniversary in Langley.

Thinking of you at this difficult and sad time, as I am also grieving the lost of my mom who passed away December.

Gordon and Jean

— Gordon & Jean Kwan



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